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Please amend Page 6, Lines 10-22 as follows:

[0018] The fork tines 24 and 25 are pivotally coupled to the member 16 by a pin 52, which is only visible in FIG. 3. Note that only the tine 24 is visible in FIG. 2 and only the tine 25 is visible in FIG. 3. The tines 24 and 25 are coupled at their lower ends to a grasping member or foot [[54]] 56 that is designed to engage the pad 12. The tines 24 and 25 may be integrally formed with the foot [[54]] 56 or fastened thereto by well-known fastening techniques. Here again, the pin 52 may be a pin, a bolt, or other well-known structural member that facilitates pivoting movement between two members. The foot [[54]] 56 has a lower surface spaced vertically from the sloped surface 46. Sufficient clearance is provided to just accommodate the thickness of pad 12. The foot [[54]] 56 is designed to compress against the upper surface of the polish pad 12 proximate the outer edge 36 thereof when the tool 10 is advanced to position the ramp portion 46 beneath the outer edge 36 and particularly when the tool 10 is pivoted upward in the direction of the arrow 38. The foot [[54]] 56 may take on a myriad of shapes that facilitate clamping of the pad 12 to the sloped surface 46.

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Please amend Page 6, Lines 23-26 as follows:

[0019] A more detailed view of the foot [[54]] 56 and the tine 24 viewed from the side is depicted in FIG. 4. As shown, the foot [[54]] 56 may be provided with a textured under surface [[60]] 62 that facilitates a grasping engagement with the upper surface of the polish pad 12. The textured surface [[60]] 62 may be in the form of knurling, or other texturing techniques as desired.

Please amend Page 7, Lines 4-15 as follows:

[0021] In operation, the tool 10 is positioned such that the lower surface 44 of the lower jaw portion 18 is seated on the platen 14. The tool 10 advanced laterally until the nose portion 48 wedges under the edge 36 of the polish pad 12. Optionally, the edge 36 may be lifted slightly by hand and the nose 48 slid underneath. The tool 10 is next advanced laterally until the pad edge 36 is pushed up the sloped surface 46. As the upper surface of the pad 12 engages the foot [[54]] 56, the foot [[54]] 56 will pivot counterclockwise (as viewed in FIGS. 2 and 3). The tool 10 is next pivoted upwards in the direction of the arrow 38. The upward pivoting movement produces additional counterclockwise pivoting of the foot [[54]] 56 and substantial clamping of the pad 12 between the foot [[54]] 56 and the sloped surface 46. As the upward pivoting of the tool 10 continues, the pad 12 is progressively peeled from the platen 14. The process may be repeated at various points around the circumference of the pad 12 as necessary to completely loosen the pad 12 from the platen 14.